

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing system comprising:
 - a potential detection section which detects
a predetermined potential applied to a serial bus
5 terminal;
 - a power supply section which supplies
the predetermined potential to each component part as
a source potential upon detection of the predetermined
potential by the potential detection section;
 - 10 an information detection section which detects the
predetermined information supplied to the serial bus
terminal; and
 - a processing section which executes, subsequent to
the detection of the predetermined potential by the
15 potential detection section, selected one of the
encryption process and the decryption process in
accordance with at least the operating information
supplied from the operating key arranged on the body
before detection of the predetermined information by
20 the information detection section and in accordance
with the predetermined information supplied to
the serial bus terminal after detection of the
predetermined information by the information detection
section.
- 25 2. An information processing system according to
claim 1, wherein the processing section is initially
set in the operation mode for executing the processing

operation in accordance with the operating information supplied from the operation key.

3. An information processing system according to claim 1, wherein the processing section is set in the dual mode for executing the processing operation in accordance with both the operating information supplied from the operation key and the predetermined information supplied through the serial bus terminal.

4. An information processing system according to claim 1, wherein, after the information detection section detects the predetermined information, upon detection of a drop of the predetermined potential by the potential detection section after entering the operation mode for performing the processing operation in accordance with the predetermined information supplied to the serial bus terminal, the operation mode is changed to perform the processing operation in accordance with the operating information supplied from the operation key.

5. An information processing system according to claim 1, wherein, after the information detection section detects the predetermined information, upon detection of a drop of the predetermined potential by the potential detection section after entering the operation mode for performing the processing operation in accordance with the predetermined information supplied to the serial bus terminal, the operation mode

is changed as initially set to perform the processing operation in accordance with the operating information supplied from the operation key.

5 6. An information processing system according to claim 1, wherein, after the information detection section detects the predetermined information, upon detection of a drop of the predetermined potential by the potential detection section after entering the operation mode for performing the processing operation
10 in accordance with the predetermined information supplied to the serial bus terminal, the operation mode is changed as initially set to perform the processing operation in accordance with both the operating information supplied from the operation key and the
15 predetermined information supplied through the serial bus terminal.

 7. An information processing system according to claim 1, wherein selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is executed in the operation
20 mode in accordance with the predetermined information supplied to the serial bus terminal upon detection of the predetermined information by the information detection section before the lapse of a predetermined time from the detection by the potential detection
25 section of the predetermined potential applied to the serial bus terminal, and selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is executed in the

initially set operation mode, without regard to the
detection of the predetermined information, after the
lapse of a predetermined time from the detection by the
potential detection section of the predetermined
5 potential applied to the serial bus terminal.

8. An information processing system according to
claim 1, wherein, during the recording or reproducing
operation of the processing section, selected one of
the encryption process and the decryption process is
10 executed in accordance with the initially set operation
mode without regard to the presence or absence of the
predetermined information detected by the information
detection section.

9. An information processing system according to
15 claim 1, wherein selected one of the encryption process
and the decryption process is executed in accordance
with the initially set operation mode during the
recording or reproducing operation of the processing
section without regard to the presence or absence of
20 the predetermined information detected by the
information detection section, and selected one of the
encryption process and the decryption process is
executed in accordance with the predetermined
information supplied to the serial bus terminal upon
25 detection of the predetermined information by the
information detection section after the recording
operation or the reproducing operation.

10. An information processing system according to claim 1, wherein selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is executed in accordance with the initially set operation mode during the recording or reproducing operation of the processing section without regard to the presence or absence of the predetermined information detected by the information detection section, and selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is executed in accordance with the predetermined information supplied to the serial bus terminal upon detection of the predetermined information by the information detection section after the recording operation or the reproducing operation.

11. An information processing system according to claim 1, wherein, as long as the processing section is initially set in the operation mode to be supplied with power from an external source, selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is executed in accordance with at least the operating information supplied from the operation key on the body, without regard to whether the information detection section has detected the predetermined information or not, after detection of the predetermined potential by the potential detection section.

12. An information processing system according to

claim 1, wherein, as long as the processing section is initially set in the operation mode to be supplied with power from an external source, selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is
5 executed in accordance with both the operating information supplied from the operation key on the body and the predetermined information supplied through the serial bus terminal, without regard to whether the information detection section has detected the
10 predetermined information or not, after detection of the predetermined potential by the potential detection section.

13. An information processing method comprising:
detecting a predetermined potential applied to
15 a serial bus terminal and supplying the predetermined potential as a source potential; and
executing, after detection of the predetermined potential, selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process in accordance with at least the
20 operating information supplied from the operating key arranged on the body before detection of the
predetermined information supplied through the serial bus terminal, and in accordance with the predetermined information after detection of the predetermined
25 information.

14. An information processing method according to claim 13, wherein selected one of the encryption

process and the decryption process is executed in the operation mode in accordance with the predetermined information supplied to the serial bus terminal before the lapse of a predetermined time from the detection of the predetermined potential applied to the serial bus terminal, and selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is executed according to the initially set operation mode, without regard to whether the predetermined information has been detected or not, after the lapse of a predetermined time from the detection of the predetermined potential applied to the serial bus terminal.

15. An information processing method according to claim 13, wherein, during recording or reproducing operation of the processing section, selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is executed in accordance with the initially set operation mode without regard to the presence or absence of the predetermined information.

16. An information processing method according to claim 13, wherein, as long as the operation mode is initially set to supply power from an external source, selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is executed in accordance with at least the operating information supplied from the operation key on the body, without regard to whether the predetermined information supplied to the serial

bus terminal has been detected or not after detection of the predetermined potential.

17. An information processing system comprising:

5 a potential detection section which detects a predetermined potential applied to an input interface;

a power supply section which supplies the predetermined potential to each component part as a source potential upon detection of the predetermined potential by the potential detection section;

10 an information detection section which detects the predetermined information supplied to the input interface; and

a processing section which processes the information, subsequent to the detection of the predetermined potential by the potential detection section, in accordance with at least the operating information supplied from the operating key on the body before detection of the predetermined information by the information detection section, and in accordance with the predetermined information supplied to the input interface after detection of the predetermined information by the information detection section.